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FROM ALDRICH

1. PLEASE INFORM DR. GRAYSON THAT I APPRECIATE HIS REPORTS OF REACTIONS TO HIS PROPOSALS BUT THAT THE USG IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, PREPARED TO SUBMIT ANY OFFICIAL PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME. MOREOVER, I TRUST HE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT, WHEN WE MAKE OFFICIAL PROPOSALS, WE SHALL DO SO THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

2. FYI. IT WILL TAKE MORE TIME TO DEVELOP A WESTERN GROUP CONSENSUS ON ARTICLE 1, AND WESTERN SOLIDARITY IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY PROPOSAL WE MIGHT MAKE. THEREFORE, WE ARE PRESENTLY UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE THESE QUESTIONS WITH NONWESTERN STATES. IT SEEMS THAT GRAYSON HAS -SOMEHOW MISINTERPRETED MY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR HIS EFFORTS TO FIND A WORKABLE COMPROMISE AS AN AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE ON OUR BEHALF. HE SHOULD BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT THAT, WHILE WE APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION HE MAY OBTAIN, WE SHALL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

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